

There is a range of funding available at both a local and national level to support organisations and individuals affected by the Coronavirus. General information on all aspects of the crisis including links to the most up to date Central Government information, can be found via [Hertfordshire County Council's coronavirus pages](#).

Grants Online <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

Grants Online have pulled together a comprehensive and regularly updated list of funding opportunities specifically related to supporting organisations through the pandemic which can be accessed on their website without a subscription.

Herts Sports Partnership <https://sportinherts.org.uk/app/uploads/2020/04/Covid-19-Relief-Funding-NEW.pdf>

HSP have produced a funding newsletter which is extremely useful and can be found on their website. It includes information on local authority funding alongside other local, national and sport specific funding.

Local Funding

Hertfordshire Community Foundation <https://www.hertscf.org.uk/coronavirus>

Hertfordshire Community Foundation is an independent charity which manages a range of funding sources for local voluntary and community sector organisations. For information on currently available funding visit their website.

HCF Workforce Development Grants <https://www.hertscf.org.uk/hcft-workforce-development-grants>

Grants of up to £2,000 are now available for learning and development in voluntary and community organisations in Hertfordshire. HCC Adult Care Services are funding this grant scheme for VCS organisations that provide adult social care in Hertfordshire. The grants are managed by HCF Training and Development and can be used to support workforce development, training, coaching, equipment and costs associated with accreditation. For more information and to check your eligibility, visit the [website](#).

Hertfordshire County Council Locality Budget <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/locality-budgets/locality-budgets.aspx>

You can apply to your local county councilor directly if you are a local organisation who is offering support to those affected by the coronavirus.

Crowdfund Hertfordshire: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/programmes/crowdfund-hertfordshire>

Crowdfunder are working with a number of partners across Hertfordshire, helping to make great ideas happen through a combination of expert crowdfunding coaching, events and grants. They are looking to support not-for-profit organisations working with local communities in Hertfordshire that aim to make communities stronger, more connected, capable, active, safer, fairer and more inclusive. For any queries relating to these funds please contact Hertfordshire Community Foundation at ana.siewniak@hertscf.org.uk

Crowdfund Hertfordshire: Small Business Innovation Fund

<https://www.visithertsbusiness.co.uk/get-involved/crowdfund-hertfordshire-small-business-innovation-fund/>

Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and Visit Herts are working in partnership to offer small and micro businesses within the tourism, leisure, hospitality, retail, arts and cultural sectors the chance to unlock match funding to help overcome the challenges of Covid-19. The £200,000 Hertfordshire LEP fund will be administered by Visit Herts. Participating businesses will raise money for their project through pledges from their community and loyal customers. Once a business secures their target, successful applicants will be able to unlock between £2,000 - £5,000 in match-funding. To qualify, your business will need to be located in Hertfordshire and be a micro or small business primarily operating in tourism, leisure, hospitality, retail, arts or culture sectors. You will need to demonstrate that your business has been affected by Covid-19 and how you would use the funding to adapt your current business to either operate during lockdown, or to adjust to post lockdown measures as well as clearly demonstrating that the adjustments you intend to make will help protect jobs directly within your business.

Locally you can find information and support for your organisation via your local **Council for Voluntary Service**. You can also find out about volunteering opportunities to support others across the County via **#TeamHerts**.

National Funding

Garfield Weston Foundation (UK) Weston Culture Fund <https://garfieldweston.org/new-weston-culture-fund-coming-soon/>

The Garfield Weston Foundation has established a new £25 million one-off fund to support mid to large scale cultural organisations that have been badly affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Performing and visual arts organisations, arts centres, and accredited museums and galleries across the UK with a minimum income of £500,000 in a typical year, can apply for funding of up to £2 million each from the Weston Culture Fund to help them restart work, re-engage with audiences, adapt to changed circumstances, and generate revenue. The Foundation is finalising details for the Fund which will open to applications on the 5th October 2020 and remain open until the 9th November 2020.

Armed Forces Covenant Fund (UK) Force for Change Programme

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme/>

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects supporting Armed Forces communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area and the needs that have arisen as a result of Covid-19. To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation must be an established registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities; an Armed Forces unit or base; a local authority; or a school. The funding is being made available through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund's Force for Change programme. The closing date for applications for this funding round is noon on Monday the 30th November 2020.

Theatre Artists Fund www.uktheatre.org

The fund has been set up to provide emergency support for theatre workers and freelancers who remain out of work. The fund has reopened as of 27 August 2020 following a donation of £1m from the Arts Council.

BBC Children In Need COVID-19 Next Steps Grant

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/covid-19-funding-streams/>

The BBC Children In Need Next Steps programme will open for applications from 10 June 2020. The Next Steps programme is our response programme designed to deliver support for children and young people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible organisations will be able to apply for up to £80,000 for projects commencing in September 2020. These grants can last up to 18 months. The current programme is now closed but further rounds will open in October.

Grants for the Conservation of Wildlife and the Environment <https://hdhwills.org/grants/>

Monthly grants are made to support the conservation of wildlife and the environment by the HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust. The Trust makes grants of between £250 and £500 (sometimes up to £5,000) to general, environmental and wildlife charities, so long as they are registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales or they are exempt or excepted charities (within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011). Supported charities will be small in size or be applying for support for a modest project, such that the grant will have a meaningful impact. There are no deadlines, grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure and email, postal or online applications are accepted.

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/>

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. The programme is set up to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects.

Association of Independent Music Aim Crisis Fund for Independent Music Contractors

<https://www.aim.org.uk/#/opportunities/view/aim-crisis-fund-for-independent-music-contractors>

The Association of Independent Music (AIM) has announced that AIM and its members have launched a support fund aimed at the contractors and freelance workers in the independent music industry whose source of income has been severed without warning due to lost work in April and May as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. AIM Rightsholder members can now invite their artists and their artists' managers to nominate candidates to be pre-approved on this basis.

Association of Mental Health Providers (UK) Mental Health Response Fund

<https://amhp.org.uk/mental-health-response-fund/>

The Department of Health and Social Care has made £5 million available to support voluntary and community sector (VCS) mental health providers which are experiencing an increase in demand for their services due to coronavirus. Through the Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund, small and large grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available to help increase mental support for people with and at risk of developing mental health problems.

Musician Union (UK) Coronavirus Hardship Fund

<https://www.musiciansunion.org.uk/hardshipfund>

In response to the widespread cancellation of work that has hit the profession as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Musician Union have set up a £1 million hardship fund that members with genuine and pressing hardship can apply to. Grants of £200 are available.

Music for All <https://musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to UK based community groups and schools who would benefit from a “helping hand” to bring music to their community and fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes. The funding can be put towards musical instrument costs, workshops/training, using music to break down barriers, providing a variety of educational opportunities as well as helping to find ways to integrate many diverse and minority groups positively into society. Funding of up to £500 is also available to individuals who do not have the means to access musical instruments and lessons. Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the deadline for applications has been extended to the 1st November 2020.

North Star Project (artist support for applications and advice)

<https://www.middlechildtheatre.co.uk/2020/04/03/get-help-applying-for-emergency-funding-with-the-north-star-project/>

The New Diorama have always worked to support the best artists and companies through difficult times – now, in this moment of crisis, they want to throw support open to whoever needs it across the sector. They are offering a suite of support for artists and companies through COVID-19 and its affects.

Grocers' Charity <http://www.grocershall.co.uk/index.php/charity/memorial/>

Financial support for UK-registered charities, with the selection of recipients being regularly reviewed in line with a policy to support specific areas of need. The relief of poverty (including youth poverty) and help for the disabled usually take priority, with medicine, the arts, heritage, the Church and the elderly also designated.

The Art Fund Respond and Reimagine Scheme <https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/respond-and-reimagine-grants>

UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to help them respond to immediate challenges connected to the Covid-19 crisis, and to adapt and reimagine ways of working in the future. Through the Art Fund's Respond and Reimagine Scheme grants are available to provide immediate practical support connected to reopening such as staffing, equipment, training, or planning for future activities, and to provide opportunities for organisations to help them adapt for the future.

Aviva Community Fund <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding#criteria>

Small charities and constituted community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that build more connected, more resilient communities and give people the tools to become more financially independent. In response to the Covid-19 Aviva are temporarily opening up the Fund to projects that will ensure organisations can adapt or maintain critical services and infrastructure in response to the impacts of COVID-19. Projects must still relate to one of Aviva's key funding areas. The closing date for this funding round is the 13th October 2020.

Youth Music Network Emergency Funding <https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/youth-music-launches-emergency-fund>

Youth Music have launched an Emergency Fund for music-making organisations affected by the Coronavirus. Through this fund grants of up to £10,000 are available. Priority will be given to people and organisations in the most immediate need.

Comic Relief (UK) Capacity Building Grants Scheme <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/comic-relief-apply-for-capacity-grant/>

Charities, voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and CIC's in England which have been negatively impacted by Covid-19 can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to help them rebuild their capacity to meet the needs of their local community. The funding is being made available through the Comic Relief's Capacity Building Grants Scheme and will support projects within their four strategic themes and can be used for a wide range of activities, such as: training; increasing delivery capacity through additional volunteer recruitment; and developing strategies to help rebuild and move forward such as fundraising strategies, and developing new delivery plans. To be eligible, applicants will need to have an annual income of less than £250,000. Applications can be made at any time.

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/157-billion-investment-to-protect-britains-world-class-cultural-arts-and-heritage-institutions>

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport has announced that cultural and heritage institutions, such as theatres, historic palaces, museums, galleries, live music venues and independent cinemas can now access a share of £1.57bn that has been made available to help with the impact of Coronavirus. The funding will consist of a mix of grants and low cost loans. The funding will include £120 million to restart construction work at cultural and heritage sites paused as a result of the pandemic. Decisions on awards will be made working alongside expert independent figures from the sector including the Arts Council England and other specialist bodies such as Historic England, National Lottery Heritage Fund and the British Film Institute.

The Foyle Foundation (UK) <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

The Foyle Foundation has re-opened its Small Grants Scheme to support smaller, grass-roots and local charities across the UK during the Covid-19 crisis. Organisations which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £10,000. Funding can be used to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. Competition for funding is expected to be strong. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Help Musicians Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund

https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/news/latest-news/help-musicians-launches-5m-coronavirus-financial-hardship-fund?fbclid=IwAR2U6ED9ZZ9MtjVVeHODR4ZEr2SbrK87oScTeF_Gpt-Ktqka5F5jBp7N5uU

The £5million pound Coronavirus Financial Hardship fund has been created to alleviate some of the immediate financial pressures that many professional musicians are currently facing with regard to their mounting household expenses. Eligible musicians can apply for a one-off payment of £500 if they are suffering significant financial hardship.

Prince's Trust and NatWest (UK) The Prince's Trust and NatWest Enterprise Relief Fund

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/news-views/princes-trust-natwest-enterprise-relief-fund>

The Prince's Trust and NatWest have launched a £5million grant fund for young entrepreneurs affected by coronavirus. The Fund is available to entrepreneurs aged 18-30, who can apply for grants and tailored support from today. Grants can be used to maintain core business operations during the crisis, as well as meet any existing financial commitments, such as paying for essential equipment or settling invoices from suppliers. In conjunction with these grants, the initiative will also offer one-to-one support and guidance to applicants who need it.

7 Stars Foundation (UK) <https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/>

From July 2020, UK charities with a turnover of less than £1.5 million per year and who are working with at-risk young people affected by the covid-19 crisis will be able to apply for unrestricted grants of up to £2,500. The funding can be used for overheads, salary costs, and/ or wherever else the organisation needs to ensure its survival and sustainable services in the future. The funding is being made available through the 7Stars Foundation. To apply, applicants are encouraged to email the Foundation.

Social Investment Business (UK) Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund

<https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund>

The Resilience & Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF) is a new £25 million fund for social enterprises and charities who are experiencing disruption to their normal business model as a result of COVID-19. It has been established to make an existing government scheme (the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme) more easily accessible to charities and social enterprises. This fund is only for social sector organisations: charities and social enterprises.

Theatres Trust Theatre Reopening Fund <http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/uk-theatres-small-grants-scheme>

The UK Theatres Trust has announced that in response to the Coronavirus, they have repurposed the UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme (Theatre Reopening Fund) to support theatres to cover the additional costs of reopening after several months' closure, including making adaptations for increased hygiene and social distancing measures. Through the scheme, grants of up to £5,000 are available to small Theatres across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The closing date for applications is noon on the 5th October 2020.

Sport England Active Together Programme <https://www.sportengland.org/news/%C2%A31-million-crowdfunding-support-clubs-and-organisation>

Sport England has committed another £1 million to combating the impact of coronavirus by match funding money raised by sports clubs and community activity groups through the fundraising platform Crowdfunder. Through the 'Active Together' partnership with Crowdfunder Sport England are matching crowd funds of up to £10,000 raised by clubs and organisations hit by the coronavirus crisis. Clubs and organisations can sign up via the Crowdfunder website. They'll then need to set their crowdfunding target and put in place incentives and rewards. Once 25% of the crowdfunding is met, Sport England will confirm the match funding – up to £10,000 – and can distribute the money within seven days of being raised.

If you know of any other opportunities that should be included in this list, please let us know at hyoc2020@hertsmere.gov.uk